

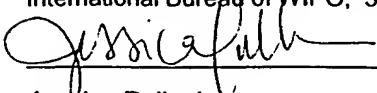
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In response to the International Search Report in the above-named Application, mailed on 6 December 2004, Applicant provides herewith the following remarks.

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REMARKS

45 **Applicant respectfully submits that Berman and Zainoulline, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach, suggest, or render obvious the present invention as claimed.**

45 **Independent Claims 1, 6, and 16 recite an apparatus, method, and/or program storage medium comprising, *inter alia*, a buffer within a second memory, which pre-caches consecutively downloaded small portions of songs forming a sequence of songs to be played.**